

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Brief Description of the Drawings, on page 5, after line 22, add the following:

Figure 5 is a side view of the head of Figure 2.

On page 7, line 1, amend the first paragraph as follows:

Referring now to [[Figure 2]] Figures 2 and 5, a first embodiment of a slider 41 having a generally rectangular base with a top air bearing side 43 is shown. Air bearing side 43 of slider 41 comprises a patterned set of elements, such as air bearing surface (ABS) pads 45 and one irregularly-shaped pocket surface 47 recessed from ABS pads 45. The size, shape, and pattern of ABS pads 45 are merely representative of those available. For reference purposes, a longitudinal direction is defined vertically from top to bottom, and a lateral direction is defined horizontally from side to side (left and right). Pocket 47 is manufactured using standard etching techniques such as reactive ion etching (RIE) and ion milling (IM), for example. Common etch depths range from about 0.1 to 5 microns. The top surface of the ABS pads 45 are also known as air bearing surfaces (ABS). In the embodiment shown, slider 41 has three protruding ABS pads 45 and one continuous but very irregular pocket 47 (approximately 1.50 microns recessed from ABS pads 45) that extends to portions of the leading edge 49, lateral edges 51, 53, and trailing edge 55. Lateral edges 51, 53 also represent the inner and outer radial directions, respectively, of disk 15. The trailing edge 55 of slider 41 is located along the rear edge of pocket 47.